

Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 17.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .04.
Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 71. Weather, fair with light showers.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.82c.; Per Ton, \$76.40.
88 Analysis Beets, 8s. 9d.; Per Ton, \$76.40.

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VISCOUNT AOKI RIDICULES THE TALK OF WAR

He Calls It a Dream of Pessimists--Two Ocean
Tragedies--Dover-Calais Tunnel Scheme
Authorized by Parliament.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, December 18.—Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador, in a speech delivered here yesterday, pronounced the present situation as a dream of the pessimists. He declared that all talk of a war between the United States and Japan over the present differences is ridiculous.

KINGSTON, England, December 18.—The German S. S. Prinzessin Victoria Luise ran ashore last night at Port Royal. All the passengers were safely landed. Captain Brunswig, the commander of the vessel, committed suicide by shooting himself. The vessel was without a pilot at the time of the catastrophe.

The Prinzessin Victoria Luise is a vessel of 2359 tons, running between New York and Hamburg. Kingston, the town from which the despatch is dated, is on the south coast of England near Plymouth, and the supposition is that the captain was attempting to reach Plymouth harbor without having picked up a pilot. The famous Eddystone lighthouse is directly south of where the liner is ashore.

LONDON, December 18.—A bill has been introduced into parliament empowering an Anglo-French company to tunnel under the English channel from Dover, England, to Sangatte, France. The estimated cost of the work will be eighty millions.

Concerning this mighty project, the Illustrated London News, of November 24 says: "Once more the Channel Tunnel scheme, which has been dormant for about a century, has come up for public consideration. The Admiralty are not opposed to it. The subject has been mooted by Cabinet Ministers. Financiers are said to be ready to support the undertaking, and the Imperial Defence Committee will soon have an opportunity of considering the project. The story of the tunnel is as old as 1867. In that year an Anglo-French Committee of promoters put their views before Napoleon III., who was favorable to the idea. Correspondence and inquiry went on between France and England until the year 1883, when an English and a French company went to work conjointly, and a beginning was actually made. The first start was due to the South Eastern Railway Company, whose engineers drove a shaft some two miles seaward from Shakespeare's Cliff, Dover. The French also made some advance at Sangatte. Official interruptions, however, became so irritating that the work was stopped. Sir Cooper Key, of the Admiralty, and Lord Wolseley (then Sir Garnet) considered that the tunnel was a grave national danger. A scientific committee of the War Office was against the scheme, and although a Parliamentary Committee was, on the whole, favorable, the weight of military opinion put a stop to the work. There are at present two French schemes on the table—those of the French company and of M. Bunau-Varilla. As regards the line of the actual tunnel, the two schemes are practically the same. M. Bunau-Varilla is in favor of the mixed passage—that is to say, he would carry the train to sea, as far as possible, on a long pier. His method of exit and entrance is described on our double-page, as well as the ingenious proposals for the defence of both ends of the tunnel in time of war."

DOVER, December 18.—The British steamer Arlington Court collided with the Belgian ship Cape-Judy yesterday in the English channel. There was a heavy fog at the time. The Belgian vessel was sunk and twelve of her crew perished.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 18.—The fuel famine has been broken, the railroads having begun to rush through their coal trains as soon as the Interstate Commerce Commission began its investigation into the blockade.

MOSCOW, December 18.—Fifty revolutionists belonging to an organization which advocated an armed resistance to the government have been arrested here.

LONDON, December 18.—The House of Commons has approved of the granting of constitutions for the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

SACRAMENTO, December 18.—E. A. Forbes has purchased the Record Union newspaper.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 17.—One hundred and fifty arrests have been made for rioting in connection with the street carmen's strike. There is a desultory car service maintained by day but none whatever at night.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—General Murray, in his annual report, says that the Coast and field artillery is badly deficient in both personnel and material. The artillery is not in fit condition for practice, much less for war. Preparation for efficient service will be a matter of years.

ROME, December 17.—An anti-Vatican demonstration was held in the vicinity of the French Embassy. The entire garrison was employed to disperse the mob. Troops surround the Vatican.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17.—Vice Admiral Ahmed Pasha was injured in a mutinous outbreak of marines.

BERLIN, December 17.—King Haakon and Queen Maud of Denmark have departed for Copenhagen.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Patrick has petitioned the Governor to commute his sentence of death to life imprisonment.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—It is stated that the government will resort to injunction proceedings against the San Francisco Board of Education to prevent them from carrying into force the segregation of the Japanese pupils in the public schools.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The balances in the banks at the closing hour yesterday were \$1,699,050 less than the legal reserve.

Less than a week ago Secretary Shaw deposited twenty millions of the government in the New York banks to tide them over a period of money stringency, but this has proven inadequate. The matter of a more elastic currency is one with which the present session of Congress will deal, the present system of placing the public money at the disposal of speculators without interest being severely criticized in many of the mainland papers received during the past week.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Eddie Root and Joe Folger won the six-day bicycle race concluded here last night. Downing and Hopper finished second and Putt and McFarland third. The winner finished 441 miles behind the record.

PORTLAND, Oregon, December 16.—The street car system here is tied up through a strike among the platform men, resulting from the refusal of the management to grant an increase in wages. There have been riots among the strikers and their sympathizers.

MEXICO CITY, December 16.—It has been given out that the government has merged the Mexican railroads under a government ownership to prevent them falling into the hands of the American trusts.

FISHMARKET WAREHOUSE

When the new Alaska wharf is completed, which may not be until December, 1907, the disposition of the old Fishmarket building at the foot of Alakea street may have been decided upon. H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., are to have control, under the Territory, of the new Alaska wharf, and there has already been some talk of the company acquiring the use of the Fishmarket for a warehouse.

Superintendent of Public Works Holloway states that the Territory is willing to sell the Fishmarket property but the offers have not reached the right figure. If sold, it would be at public auction to the highest bidder. Superintendent Holloway believes the Fishmarket would be ideal for the use of the steamship companies, owing to its nearness to the new wharf and to its extremely large floor space and the substantial structure already upon the premises.

The government desires to obtain control of all the wharves and there has been talk of an exchange of the Fishmarket premises for the Bishop wharves opposite the Honolulu Iron Works. The price for the Bishop wharves, according to the government side of the question, is held too high to carry on negotiations.

Governor Carter, it will be remembered, suggested to the business men's conference on the Pan-Pacific Congress question that the market building might be remodeled at moderate expense to serve the purpose of an auditorium for the free use of conventions.

CAPT. GODFREY SERIOUSLY ILL

Word has been received that Captain W. B. Godfrey, formerly president of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co., is in a precarious state of health at his home in Oakland, Cal., where he has lived for a number of years past. There is a peculiar touch of sadness in the news when it comes close after the tidings of the death of another former president of the I. L. S. N. Co., the late John Ema.

Ah Lum and eighteen quart bottles of bay rum are being held by the police. The moot point is how did Lum come to be in possession of the hair tonic. His explanations so far given have not been satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—It has been decided to bar all foreign contractors from bidding on the Panama canal contracts.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, December 16.—A Manchu woman here, the wife of a British officer, has made a claim to the throne of China.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—There has been no change of the War Department's denial of the rumor that it contemplated sending additional troops to the Hawaiian Islands.

PARIS, December 15.—The amendments to the Separation Act have been completed. Cardinal Richard refused to accept a permit to depart. He said that he would yield only to force. Bishop Arras was forcibly expelled.

LOWELL, Mass., December 15.—A five per cent. increase of wages has been granted the workers in the cotton mills, who recently struck for higher wages.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 15.—An unsuccessful attempt was made here today to assassinate Admiral Douhassoff by means of throwing bombs at him. Several terrorists have been arrested.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 15.—The cruiser Montana was launched today.

BERLIN, December 15.—Emperor William today welcomed King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway at his palace at Potsdam.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—President Roosevelt will send special messages to Congress next week dealing with the report of Metcalf on the San Francisco school situation and Secretary Taft's reports on the Cuban settlement and the matter of the disbanding of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, the regiment of negroes.

A special message will also be presented dealing with the conditions on the Panama canal zone as seen by the President.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 15.—Conditions throughout the Northwest owing to the fuel famine have grown desperate. The farmers are tearing down their outbuildings and burning the lumber. In some states appeals have been made for the Governors to order out the militia to move the coal trains.

SEATTLE, December 15.—The state university has been forced to close because of the impossibility of securing coal for heating purposes.

SEATTLE (Wash.), December 2.—As high as \$14 per ton is being paid by householders for coal and a premium is being offered delivery men if they can secure prompt supplies of fuel. Many dealers can now only provide coal by the sack, and at that rate some consumers are paying as high as \$21 a ton, but these are isolated instances of the effect of the most serious coal famine the Northwest has known.

Operators are absolutely unable to supply the markets, and coal which sold last summer at from \$3.25 to \$5 a ton commands the highest premium known. Steamships can only get the coal absolutely needed to keep up steam, and all factories are embarrassed. Seattle, though, is in far better condition than Eastern Washington, where coal riots have occurred at North Yakima, and where, in Colfax, wood has been sold as high as \$70 a cord. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company still refuses to increase its California shipments to take care of the northern famine.

PENSACOLA, December 15.—Five masters of oyster fishing boats have been convicted of peonage. Each has been sentenced to serve eighteen months in jail and each has been fined, the amounts running from \$1000 to \$5000.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—Brigadier General Justus M. Brown is dead.

BRISTOL, Vermont, December 15.—Jeremiah Curtin, the author and celebrated linguist and philologist, died here yesterday.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The House has passed a bill raising the salaries of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House and the members of the Cabinet to \$12,000 a year.

MEXICO, December 15.—Governor Creel, of the state of Chihuahua, has been appointed as the Ambassador for Mexico to the United States.

MEXICO, December 15.—The Mexican government has assumed the ownership of all the railroad lines within the republic.

TWO DEAD IN HARBOR

The waters of Honolulu harbor gave up the bodies of two dead men yesterday morning. One was identified as the body of a United States marine, and the other was a colored man.

The body of the marine was found floating near the naval docks and was taken out and identified as that of John Howser, a marine, who was a passenger on the army transport Sherman, bound from Manila to Mare Island for discharge. He was attached to the cruiser Cincinnati on the Asiatic station. He had about two months yet to serve.

Lieut. Turner, U. S. M. C., who was in command of the detachment of marines, stated yesterday at the police station that the marine had been about four years in the service. The dead man's effects were turned over to him. The pockets yielded some Filipino coins, about \$1.70 in silver and a few letters.

Howser was given a pass for shore leave at 9 a. m. Friday last, and was due to return aboard ship at 11 p. m. During the evening a watchman on the Sherman heard a splash, but saw nothing to indicate a tragedy. It is thought that Howser was wandering around the dock and stumbled into the harbor. Whether he was intoxicated or not is not definitely known, but it is said he had been drinking somewhat.

The body of the colored man was found near the Fort street wharf. A few evenings since a man fell off the wharf, and, although efforts were made to save the man, and a rope was thrown out to him, he was drowned. It is said that the man even refused to take hold of the rope.

A curious thing about the finding of the body of the marine was that the top of the head was seen bobbing in the water. When the effort was made to secure the body it was found to be upright in the water, almost as if treading water, and the hands were crossed in front of the body. This gave rise to the rumor that there may have been foul play, and this was strengthened when it was learned that the man had a large sum of money to his credit. By some it was given as \$200 and by others as \$1200. Howser had been stationed during his service in the Orient. The deceased was given a military funeral yesterday afternoon.

The S. S. China, due to arrive on Thursday, will bring the next mail from the Coast. On Friday the Alameda will arrive with one day's later mail.

KEEP JAPANESE SHIPS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

"I know that efforts are being made through the usual diplomatic channels to prevent the Japanese training squadron which will be here about the middle of January from going to San Francisco," said a prominent Japanese yesterday. The consul received a cablegram recently that the squadron, which is to consist of three cruisers, will leave Japan the early part of January, and after visiting here will go to the Coast.

"It certainly would not be policy for the fleet to go to San Francisco at this time and before the school question is all decided.

"Who knows but that some patriotic Yankee might do the Maine act while the fleet was there, just to bring the two countries into a clash of arms? Hot Yankee blood and hot Japanese blood—well, you can see what the result would be. To avoid any ill-feeling whatever, that fleet should not go there. It would be all right for the squadron to come to Hawaii.

"Furthermore, I do not believe that the battleship squadron, under command of Admiral Kataoka, which was long ago scheduled to visit California, will make that trip now. I understand that cruise has been canceled."

CANADIAN JUDGE HERE

"Mr. Stephen and I are only the advance guard of a good many tourists who are going to get from Canada," said Chief Justice Scott, of Edmonton, Alberta, who arrived from the frozen zone on the Milwaukee on Sunday. "We are going to advise all our friends to come here as soon as we get back."

Judge Scott is a prominent member of the Canadian bench, with his headquarters at the Alberta capital, his traveling companion being T. A. Stephen, president of the Alberta Gas & Oil Company. Both profess the greatest interest in what they have been able to see so far in Honolulu and have decided to remain here for some weeks instead of going on to Suva, as had been their original intention.

"We have been strolling around all day admiring everything," continued the Chief Justice, "and we have found a great deal to interest us. It seems to me that if this place were better known among the Western Canadians that you would have a great many tourists coming every winter. Things seem turned around to me. Ten days ago I was out in thirty degrees below zero, now I am fighting your mosquitoes. Your mosquitoes are about the only thing I have seen that I do not like."

Referring to things Canadian both the visitors told of the progress being made in the Dominion, the immigration from the United States having been greater during the past year than ever before. The past season has been a most prosperous one. Hundreds of miles of new railroads have been built and money is easy.

"In Edmonton four years ago we had less than four thousand population, now we have over fifteen thousand and real estate is booming," said Mr. Stephen. "Quite recently a price of \$300 a foot was realized for a business site. This winter probably a thousand people will have to live in tents in Edmonton, as it is impossible to rent houses or offices."

"Do I think any labor could be brought here from Canada? I think it more likely that we will be taking some of your laborers away. Labor is our greatest need just now. I had to pay a man \$2.50 a day to rake the leaves up in my yard just a short time ago and he did the work as a favor to me at that."

In commenting upon the recent utterances of J. J. Hill, whose speeches advocating a reciprocity treaty between this country and the Dominion have attracted considerable attention on the mainland, Judge Scott said:

"We hear nothing about it in Canada, there being apparently no desire to enter into any reciprocity arrangements with the United States. The country is going ahead under the present tariff and there seems to be no expressed desire for any changes. Certainly Jim Hill has been giving our country great compliments in his speeches."

The visitors are at present guests at the Royal Hawaiian hotel and express their appreciation at finding such commodious accommodations here. After exhausting the attractions of Oahu they propose visiting the volcano and the other points of interest in the islands.

The Norwegian bark Margit, which has been in the harbor since November 22, will sail this afternoon for the Sound. She has been chartered prior to arrival to carry lumber to Valparaiso.

THE LANAI INJUNCTION

It is of little consequence, apparently, to the Governor that Link McCandless has cabled to the President in opposition to the executive's decision to exchange Lanai public lands for lands in other parts of the Territory. As to the matter of the injunction procured by Mr. McCandless against the government making the proposed changes, Governor Carter said yesterday:

"I have nothing to say about the Lanai matter except this: There are certain lands that I am very desirous of seeing the government obtain. One instance I have in mind concerning the matter is the following: I failed to get the support of the Legislature at its last session for a certain purchase, and one of the reasons suggested to me by some of the legislators was that they thought we ought to acquire it by exchange; that they could not afford to take the taxpayers' money or loan money for it, when we had lots of idle assets lying about.

"While it is the duty of the courts to have the matter aired, I don't think the courts ought to allow an interference without protecting public rights in the matter—that is, of protecting the public from serious losses.

"There are certain lands we want to acquire, and, as I understand it, options have been taken on these lands. If this case were delayed the owners will know the purpose of those options, and it is expected they will immediately charge more for the land.

"While I note that the court has required a thousand dollars bond in this McCandless injunction matter, yet in one instance the owner of the land thought he was entitled to \$12,000 more, if the government wanted it. I have not opened the offer yet. I received it this morning after the notification of the injunction and have allowed no further steps to be taken until we set a decision. Whether the land I speak of is included in this offer is unknown.

"A large list of lands wanted by the government is on file at the land office. Any who wish to make an exchange can make their selection from that list. While it is possible that other lands can be acquired, yet if there are many delays it may result in the public having to pay considerably more for the lands than we desire.

"I am informed, but I can not say authentically, that Senator McCandless cabled the President this morning about the matter."

And with the latter statement the Governor leaned back in his chair and puffed at his cigar, a knowing smile spreading over his countenance. The Governor, it is thought, has something up his sleeve.

Governor Carter also stated yesterday that there was no fear of the Japanese getting control of Lanai.

TWO DROWNING CASES.

Verdicts of accidental drowning were returned last night by the coroner's jury investigating the cases of John A. Hauser and an unknown negro, whose bodies were recovered from the harbor on Sunday. There was no identification of the negro and no evidence to show that the drowning was other than accidental.

Hauser, the marine off the transport Sherman, was a Canadian, having been born in Sarnia, Ontario.

VOLCANO ACTIVITY.

Volcano House, December 17.

To Advertiser.

Entire floor pit red hot Sunday night.

WALTER G. SMITH.